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Toni Hardesty, Director
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
1410 N. Hilton
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Dear Director Hardesty:

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 39-116B and your subsequent letter dated April 22, 2009, I write today to inform you of the City of Wilder's decision as it relates to implementation of a vehicle inspection and maintenance program.

Wilder City Council held a public hearing and took public testimony on this issue on August 11, 2009 and, at that time, the City Council voted to support Canyon County in their efforts to find alternatives to vehicle emissions testing.

I know I speak for myself and City Council when I say we will continue to encourage city employees and our citizens to be good stewards of their environment through actions, policies and education. We have implemented several sustainability programs such as: a 4-day work week in departments where feasible, a no-idling policy for city buildings and city vehicles, a burn ordinance, covered load ordinance, and support of the phase 1 vapor recovery program. Additionally, we have passed a new landscaping ordinance which addresses ozone friendly plants.

We thank you and your DEQ staff for all your assistance over the past year as we in Canyon County struggled with implementation of House Bill 586. Pete Wagner and Leonard Herr were especially helpful.

Best Regards,


John F. Bechtel, Mayor
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